

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for detecting an event in a premises and transmitting data regarding the event, comprising:

5 at least one sensor for detecting the event;

a controller coupled to the at least one sensor for receiving a signal from the at least one sensor indicating that an event has been detected;

at least one imaging device coupled to the system controller for capturing event data associated with the event detected at a particular at least one sensor wherein the imaging device is
10 activated by the controller upon receiving the signal from the particular sensor that is in an area covered by a particular imaging device;

a transmitter coupled to the imaging device and the controller for transmitting the event data captured by the imaging device upon receiving a transmission activation signal from the controller after detection of the event; and

15 a website for receiving the event data from the transmitter and making the event data accessible for viewing by at least one authorized entity.

2. The system of claim 1 wherein the at least one sensor is an entry point sensor for detecting an event that is an unauthorized entry to the premises at an entry point where the entry
20 point sensor is located, while the system is activated.

3. The system of claim 1 wherein the at least one sensor is a motion sensor for detecting an event that is an unauthorized movement through the premises in an area where the motion sensor is located, while the system is activated.

25 4. The system of claim 1 wherein the at least one sensor is a beam detector for detecting an event that is an unauthorized movement through the premises in a passageway where the beam detector is located, while the system is activated.

30 5. The system of claim 1 wherein the at least one sensor is an audio detector for detecting an event that is an unauthorized sound in the premises while the system is activated.

6. The system of claim 1 wherein the at least one sensor is a broken glass detector for detecting an event that is a broken window in the premises at a window where the broken glass detector is located, while the system is activated.

5 7. The system of claim 1 wherein the at least one sensor is a maintenance detector for detecting an event that is a premises maintenance malfunction in the premises while the system is activated.

8. The system of claim 7 where the maintenance detector is a temperature sensor for
10 determining that the temperature within the premises has moved outside a specified range.

9. The system of claim 1 wherein the at least one sensor is an emergency event detector for detecting an emergency event that is a fire in the premises while the system is activated.

10. The system of claim 1 wherein the at least one sensor is an emergency event detector for detecting an emergency event that is smoke in the premises while the system is activated.

11. The system of claim 1 wherein the event data is a video image.

12. The system of claim 1 wherein the event data is an audio record.

13. The system of claim 1 wherein each at least one sensor has a unique identification code associated therewith that is transmitted to the website with the event data for the purpose of identifying the particular sensor that has detected an event, and permitting an authorized accessing entity to determine: a) a type of event that has occurred; b) a particular sensor detecting the event; and c) an imaging device providing the imaged data to the website for review.

14. The system of claim 1 wherein an authorized entity is one of: a) a central monitor; b) a property owner; c) police personnel; d) fire personnel; or e) emergency medical personnel.

15. The system of claim 11 wherein the at least one imaging device is a video camera.

16. The system of claim 15 further comprising a lamp that is coupled to the controller and that is activated while the video camera is operating to enable the video camera to record the event if it is dark or there is low light.

17. The system of claim 12 wherein the at least one imaging device is a microphone.

18. The system of claim 1 wherein the at least one imaging device is a still camera.

19. The system of claim 15 further comprising a video recorder for storing video images captured by the video camera.

20. The system of claim 1 wherein the website is accessed by the at least one authorized entity to communicate with the system controller for remotely instructing the system controller to perform functions.

21. The system of claim 20 wherein the functions are one of activating the system, deactivating the system, reviewing past events occurring on the system or accessing maintenance information.

22. The system of claim 1 wherein at least two or more entities access the website simultaneously.

23. The system of claim 22 wherein the two entities simultaneously accessing the website communicate with each other to determine a course of action for handling the event.

24. The system of claim 1 wherein the event data viewed by the at least one authorized entity is a live image.

25. A method of detecting an event in a premises and transmitting data regarding the event, comprising:

detecting the event using at least one sensor;

receiving a signal at a controller from the at least one sensor indicating that an event has been detected;

capturing event data associated with the event detected at a particular at least one sensor using a particular imaging device coupled to the controller and located proximate to the at least one sensor wherein the imaging device is activated by the controller upon receiving the signal from the particular sensor;

transmitting the event data captured by the imaging device using a transmitter coupled to the controller and the imaging device upon receiving a transmission activation signal from the controller after detection of the event; and

receiving the event data at a website from the transmitter and making the event data accessible for viewing by at least one authorized entity.

26. The method of claim 25 wherein the event data viewed by the at least one authorized entity is a live image.

27. The method of claim 25 wherein the website is accessed by the at least one authorized entity to enable communication with the system controller and remotely instructing the system controller to perform functions.

28. The method of claim 25 wherein at least two or more entities access the website simultaneously.

29. The system of claim 1 wherein the website opens a temporary web page for displaying the event data, the temporary web page being closed upon a determination that no further action is to be taken.

30. The system of claim 29 wherein the temporary web page is viewed by a central monitor that makes an initial determination whether action is required.

31. The system of claim 30 wherein if a determination is made by the central monitor that action is required, the central monitor notifies at least one other authorized entity to access the temporary web page.

32. The system of claim 31 wherein the central monitor and the at least one other authorized entity communicate during viewing of the event data.

33. The system of claim 25 wherein the website opens a temporary web page for displaying the event data, the temporary web page being closed upon a determination that no further action is to be taken.

34. The system of claim 33 wherein the temporary web page is viewed by a central monitor that makes an initial determination whether action is required.

35. The system of claim 34 wherein if a determination is made by the central monitor that action is required, the central monitor notifies at least one other authorized entity to access the temporary web page.

36. The system of claim 35 wherein the central monitor and the at least one other authorized entity communicate during viewing of the event data.

37. A system for enabling a web page comprising:
at least one imaging device for outputting an image of an event wherein the image includes at least one of video, audio and data;
at least one display device for displaying the image output by the imaging device;
a controller coupled to the at least one imaging device and the at least one display device for receiving the image output by the at least one imaging device and causing it to be displayed on the at least one display device;
a switch coupled to the controller and actuated by a user witnessing the image on the at least one display device causing the controller to transmit the image; and
a website for receiving the image and making the image accessible by at least one authorized entity on a web page.

38. The system of claim 37 wherein at least two authorized entities access the web page simultaneously.

39. The system of claim 38 wherein the at least two authorized entities simultaneously accessing the web page may be in communication using at least one of audio, video and data.

5 40. The system of claim 37 wherein the web page is opened temporarily during the event and closed upon a determination that no further action is to be taken.

10 41. The system of claim 37 wherein the at least one display device comprises a control panel having at least one video monitor and the at least one imaging device comprises at least two cameras that are switchably connected to the two or more video monitors such that a user can view multiple locations within the premises covered by the cameras on the control panel by switching between selectable cameras to display images transmitted by a selected camera on a selected display device.

15 42. The system of claim 41 wherein each display device is switchably connected to at least two selectable cameras.

20 43. The system of claim 37 further comprising a sensor coupled to the controller wherein upon detection of an event at the sensor, the controller causes an imaging device proximate to the sensor to output an image of the event on a display device.

44. The system of claim 37 further comprising a status display for indicating that an output of a particular imaging device includes images of an event.

25 45. The system of claim 43 wherein a user examining the image on the display device actuates the switch if the event is of a type requiring action.

30 46. The system of claim 37 wherein the event data that is transmitted further comprises a unique identification code associated with the event to identify a particular imaging device capturing the event.

47. The system of claim 37 further comprising a recorder coupled to the controller for recording images captured by the at least one imaging device.

48. A method of hosting a temporary web page for displaying event content to an authorized entity comprising:

receiving an event signal at a controller indicating that an event has occurred at a premises;

opening a temporary web page displaying event content comprising at least one of video, audio, and data relating to an activity at the premises;

notifying at least one authorized entity to access the temporary web page to examine the event content;

accessing the temporary web page to examine the event content by the at least one authorized entity;

determining a course of action to handle the event; and

closing the temporary web page.

49. The method of claim 48 wherein more than one authorized entity simultaneously access the temporary web page and communicate with one another to determine a course of action.

50. The method of claim 48 wherein a central monitor is notified that an event has occurred.

51. The method of claim 50 wherein the central monitor accesses the temporary web page to determine whether a course of action is required.

52. The method of claim 51 wherein at least one other authorized entity accesses the temporary web page and communicates with the central monitor to jointly evaluate the event content.

53. The method of claim 48 wherein the event signal is received from a sensor.

54. The method of claim 48 wherein the event signal is received from a keypad.

55. The method of claim 48 wherein the event content examined by the at least one authorized entity is live.

56. The method of claim 48 wherein the event content examined by the at least one authorized entity is recorded from an earlier time.

57. A system for enabling a web page comprising:
at least one camera for outputting an image of an event comprising at least one of a video, audio and data related to the event;
at least one display for viewing the image;
a controller coupled to the at least one camera and the at least one display for receiving the image and causing it to be displayed on the at least one display;
a switch coupled to the controller that may be actuated by a user viewing the image on the at least one display causing the controller to transmit the image; and
a website for receiving the record transmitted by the controller and making the image accessible by at least one authorized entity on a web page.

58. The system of claim 57 wherein the image is a live image.